

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: STANDARD MIGRANT/REFUGEE CAMP PLAN

Operation/Exercise Name: GTMO (GUANTANAMO)

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

There was no standard plan for a migrant camp which could be used by engineers as a base from which to design/construct the migrant camps. As a result, the JTF was "shooting from the hip" on the first three camps it constructed, and it is still not clear just what a migrant camp should look like.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Civil Affairs units specialize in running migrant/refugee camps. They are most familiar with what facilities are required and how a camp should be organized to best facilitate efficient camp operations.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

The civil affairs unit supporting a migrant/refugee camp operation should have several ready-made camp plans/designs which can be pulled off of the shelf and modified to suit the situation.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Each civil affairs unit should have a set of plans/designs for the following contingencies:

Short Term Occupancy - 500	personnel camp
(less than 60 days) - 1000	" "
- 2500	" "
- 5000	" "

Mid Term Occupancy - 500	personnel camp
(60 - 120 days) - 1000	" "
- 2500	" "
- 5000	" "

Long Term Occupancy - 500	personnel camp
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(over 120 days) - 1000 " "
- 2500 " "
- 5000 " "

The engineers would use these plans, in close coordination with civil affairs and military police, as a base from which to go from in designing and constructing the actual camp. The civil affairs plan need not include the details of how to construct living quarters, office spaces, hygiene facilities, mess halls, fences, gates, etc. It should show the approximate dimensions/capacities and preferred location of these facilities in relation to others. It should also provide the desired dimensions of the camp perimeter and living, dining and recreation areas within the camp.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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